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SUMMARY: CYPRUS DEBATE CONTINUES TO HEAD TOWARD CONFRONTATION
AND POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.
SITUATION DETERIORATED TODAY ON THREE FRONTS:

A) IN DEBATE BETWEEN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES,
TURK CYPRIOT REP THREATENED THAT TALKS WOULD BE "KILLED"
IF DENKTASH WERE DENIED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS PLENARY
AND CYPRIOT RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED;

B) TURKS CONTINUED TO PRESS RESOLUTION INVITING DENKTASH
TO SPEAK TO PLENARY DESPITE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IT
WILL BE DEFEATED; AND

C) NON-ALIGNED SAY THEY HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN
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CLOSING GAP BETWEEN CYPRIOT AND TURKISH POSITIONS ON A

SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS.

1. NOVEMBER 12 SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE DEBATE BETWEEN TURK CYPRIOT REP CHELIK AND GREEK CYPRIOT REP PAPADOPOULOS WAS LARGELY A RECAPITULATION OF PARTIES' POSITIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF CHELIK'S EXPLICIT THREATS REGARDING RESUMPTION OF TALKS. (DETAILS OF SPC DEBATE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.) AFTER DESCRIBING CYPRUS GOVERNMENT DRAFT AS NOTHING BUT PROPAGANDA, CHELIK SAID IF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED, ESPECIALLY BEFORE DENKTASH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS PLENARY, "THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE KILLED". CHELIK ALSO INDIRECTLY ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF UDI, BUT IN A SUFFICIENTLY VEILED WAY AS TO DO LITTLE HARM. HE WAS, INCIDENTIALLY, BY FAR THE MORE EFFECTIVE DEBATER, AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR.

2. DESPITE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER EFFORTS TO TALK THEM OUT OF IT, TURKS HAVE HAD CIRCULATED A DRAFT RESOLUTION INVITING DENKTASH TO ADDRESS PLENARY (TEXT PARA 5). OUR DISCUSSIONS PERSUADE US THAT DRAFT HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF BEING ADOPTED. MOST EUROPEANS (INCLUDING UK), MANY NON-ALIGNED, AND EAST EUROPEANS WILL VOTE AGAINST IT. ITS SUPPORT WILL COME FROM ISLAMIC DELEGATIONS, PERHAPS 20 OR 30 OF WHOM SEEM LIKELY TO VOTE FOR IT. THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE LARGE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROCEDURAL MOVE THAT MAY OCCUR WHEN AND IF TURKS FORMALLY INTRODUCE DRAFT, MORNING NOVEMBER 13. CYPRUS DELEGATE MAY WELL CONTEND THAT, UNDER RULE 81 OF GA RULES OF PROCEDURE, TURKISH DRAFT REPRESENTS AN EFFORT TO RECONSIDER A PROPOSAL ALREADY ADOPTED BY THE GA, SUCH RECONSIDERATION REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. IF GA PRESIDENT RULES IN FAVOR OF CYPRIOT CONTENTION, WE PLAN, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, TO VOTE TO UPHOLD HIS RULING IF THAT RULING IS CHALLENGED BY TURKEY. SHOULD TURKS DECIDE NOT TO CHALLENGE BUT TO MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION, WE WOULD VOTE NO. SHOULD PRESIDENT RULE AGAINST CYPRUS AND THAT RULING BE CHALLENGED, WE WOULD PLAN TO ABSTAIN.

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4. NON-ALIGNED WORKING GROUP MEMBERS TELL US THEY THINK IT UNLIKELY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A DRAFT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. CYPRIOTS, THEY SAY, HAVE MOVED SLIGHTLY AS A RESULT OF GREEK PRESSURE WHILE TURKS REMAIN IMMOVABLE. NON-ALIGNED BELIEVE THAT GA REFUSAL TO HEAR DENKTASH (THOUGH MANY NON-ALIGNED THEMSELVES OPPOSE HIS APPEARANCE IN PLENARY) WOULD BE DEATH KNEEL TO EFFORTS TO

NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE TEXT. THEY ARE ACCORDINGLY WORKING
HARD ON DENKTASH AND TURKISH DELEGATION TO WITHDRAW THEIR
DRAFT.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TURKISH DRAFT RESOLUTION:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IS ONE OF
THE TWO PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS,

INVITES MR. RAUF DENKTASH THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT A PLENARY
MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE QUESTION OF
CYPRUS IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT COMMUNITY."
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